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ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are authorized to announce HON. T. C. CATCHINGS as a candidate for re-nomination by the Democratic party to the office of Representative from the Third Congressional District.

THE RIVER.

With the Mississippi it is always the unexpected that happens. Two weeks ago the planters of the Delta were congratulating themselves that an overflow this spring was practically an impossibility—a condition which did not enter into their calculations. Now the river is against the levees from Greenville north, and is only 9.72 feet below the highest water of 1897 at this point. A high water is not only threatened, but is actually upon us, and once again our only hope of safety lies in the security of our levees. At Stop Landing, where a break occurred last spring, the new levee has caused great uneasiness by persistent sinking, and has required unremitting work by large forces to maintain it at grade height ever since it was completed. It is probably the weakest point in the line, but the engineers appear to feel confident that the efforts made there will be sufficient to hold it. It is common to hear persons, in discussing the possibility of an overflow, refer to the phenomenal crop of the past year as an argument against the expense and trouble of maintaining the levees; but with the thoughtful and well informed such expressions have no weight, and are regarded as mere idle talk. Such a crop as that of 1897 may never again be raised in the Delta, either with or without an overflow. The water probably had the effect of depositing a strongly fertilizing sediment, as was evidenced by the extraordinary growth and development of all vegetation, and it also doubtless destroyed all insect life injurious to cotton; but the great crop was as much the result of uncommonly favorable weather conditions as it could have been of any improvement of the soil by overflow. The fact does not appear to be taken into consideration by those who use this argument that the losses sustained by reason of the overflow more than counterbalanced any advantage gained from the raising of an immense crop at ruinously low prices.

An overflow from the water now threatening would be even more disastrous than that of last year, the season being more advanced, a great portion of the crop planted, and the danger coming on after all fear and preparation had been given up. Last year the water came over during the last week in March. After it went down, from the 15th to 25th May, there was yet time to plant and mature the crop. There is, at this time, a statement on file in the office of THE TIMES, showing that on ground which, on April 27th, was covered with water 12 feet deep, there was growing, on July 4th, a field of cotton averaging six feet in height. This was possible with an overflow remaining on the ground from April 1st to May 15th, but what would have been the effect had that water remained on the ground from April 15th to June 1st, or later?

THE ELECTION.

The election for the issuing of bonds for the erection of an electric light plant under city ownership passed off in perfect quiet, and, as was shown by the small vote cast, was not entered into with the general interest which was expected. Partisans of both sides were exceedingly active, and vigorous work was done by those directly interested, but, as shown by the result, the community at large is hardly prepared for so important a change at present. There are too many other pressing considerations, too many important public reforms and improvements to be considered, and public attention is too much engrossed by the many serious questions now occupying it. A two-thirds vote of the registered strength was required to carry the election. Hardly half the registered vote was cast, and of this 208 ballots were cast for the bond issue, and 88 against it. The project was therefore defeated, but the number of votes cast for it plainly

show the popularity of the movement. Had it not been for the strenuous efforts of the opponents of the scheme to impress upon the public the uncertainty of results, and the great risk taken, and also the uneasiness prevailing in view of the dangers now menacing us, it might have been that the result of the election would have been different. The prospect of municipal ownership was an alluring one, and appealed strongly to civic pride, as well as to a desire for a more perfect light system. An electric light plant, however conscientiously conducted, is subject to many influences and conditions which the general public do not understand. The election and discussion of the subject has at least had the effect of informing the people thoroughly on many topics connected with the lighting system, and has also made plain the feelings and sentiments of the public and their grounds for complaint. It is to be hoped that its result will be a better mutual understanding and a more perfect and satisfactory system of lights in future.

General Catchings for Congress.

It is with gratification that the TIMES announces to its readers that General T. C. Catchings has consented to be again a candidate for re-nomination to Congress.

It is with the most cordial and unqualified endorsement that the TIMES publishes the announcement of General Catchings.

It is superfluous to recount the many reasons for which he should be returned to a place which he has filled with such distinction, such honor to himself, and such advantage to the district which he represents. The name of Catchings, and the fame of his now nearly accomplished life work, is familiar throughout the length and breadth of the Union. His mission in Congress has not been merely to represent a district, but absolutely to redeem and preserve it. When he entered Congress the "Levee District" was entirely unknown. Its needs and possibilities of development were no more considered in the deliberations of the nation than the deserts of Arizona or the frozen wastes of Alaska. By the exercise of the rarest tact and good sense, united to unremitting and a most engaging personality, he has made it one of the leading questions under Congressional and national consideration, and has been so far successful that the fulfillment of his ambitions and hopes for the district to the interests of which his life has been devoted is now practically assured. That he will be returned to the position without opposition is not to be expected. He has held it long, and invested it with a dignity and honor which must naturally make it a coveted prize. In his readiness to retain it until the work so brilliantly conceived and ably conducted is complete, he is doubtless actuated no less by unwillingness to trust so all-important a task to unskillful hands than by a natural desire to carry it to its triumphant fulfillment. In announcing his candidacy for re-appointment the TIMES feels confident that the people of the district are possessed of too high an appreciation of his past services, and too lively a sense of his present and future usefulness to be indifferent to their own deep interest in his re-election.

Itta Bena.

Itta Bena—whose quaint name translated from the language of the red-skinned aborigines means "a home in the woods"—has far outgrown the meaning of that name, and instead of a quiet homestead in the forest we have a little city bustling and noisy with the endless activity of trade—where the song of the saw and hammer is heard from early morn till late at eve.—Itta Bena Optic.

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THE CONVENTION.

In spite of the very unfavorable weather the Woman's Suffrage Convention, held on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at Skinner's Hall was well attended, and was a great gratification to the friends of the movement. The meetings were presided over by Mrs. Nellie N. Somerville, the State President of the association, and the addresses delivered by Mrs. Merriwether, of Tennessee, and Miss Belle Kearney, of Mississippi, were listened to with great interest and enjoyment by the audience assembled. Mrs. Merriwether was the speaker on Tuesday evening, her subject being "The New Man," a topic which was handled with originality and ingenuity. The speaker was introduced to her audience by Rev. Quincy Ewing, of St. James' Episcopal church, in a short and most appropriate and admirable address. On Wednesday evening the speaker was Miss Kearney, the well known Mississippi lecturer, was introduced by L. Pink Smith, Esq., and who chose for the motto of her able discourse the text "Come let us reason together." It is needless to say that in the hands of Miss Kearney the subject of woman's suffrage was ably and interestingly treated. The absence of Mrs. Catt, whose attendance was confidently expected until just before the meeting, was much regretted, but the convention brought together a number of the best thinkers, writers and speakers, among the women of this and adjacent states, and the citizens united in showing their appreciation of the honor conferred by the presence of their distinguished guests.

W. C. Brann, the notorious editor of the Iconoclast was shot and mortally wounded in Waco yesterday by Capt. M. T. Davis, who will also die from wounds received at the hands of Brann. The wonder is that this inevitable end of the career of Brann was so long postponed.

THE TIMES is indebted to Hon. T. C. Catchings and Hon. J. S. Williams for appreciated courtesies.

Tribute of Respect to the Memory of C. A. Heard.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his allwise providence to remove by death from our midst, our beloved brother, C. A. Heard, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That while we bow in humble submission to the dispensations of our Creator, we realize the loss of a true, loyal brother, whose heart and hand was ever ready to assist a brother in distress and whose work and example is worthy of emulation by every true Knight of Pythias, and we shall ever cherish his honored memory.

Resolved, That we tender to the family of our deceased brother the heartfelt sympathy of this Lodge (of which he was the commanding officer) in this hour of their greatest grief and sorrow.

Resolved, That this Lodge go in mourning for 30 days.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge, and shall be published in the county paper and copy be sent to the family of the deceased. Signed,

Geo. P. Pope, } Committee.
J. T. Dean, }
G. H. Kirkland. }

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THE LEVEE BOARD.

The Board met in special session on Thursday, March 31st, the principal object of the meeting being to consider the condition of the levees and the danger with which the district is threatened by reason of high water. The following report of the Chief Engineer was received and read:

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT,
BOARD OF MISSISSIPPI LEVEE COMMISSIONERS,
March 31, 1898.

HON. J. M. JAYNE, President;

Sir:—By the provisions of sec. 1 of the act approved February 8, 1897, it is made the duty of the Chief Engineer of this Board, "when ever the condition of said river is such as to cause reasonable apprehension in the mind of the engineer of said Board," to advise the Board of his opinion to that effect.

I have therefore the honor to report that the present condition is as follows:

On the 16th instant the Ohio River began to rise rapidly, and on the 21st it had attained a stage of 38.5 at Cincinnati, with a rise of 11.4 feet in 48 hours. St. Louis too, had reached a pretty high stage, and the prospects for a full river were regarded as so threatening that you deemed it your duty to call the Board together in special session.

Since the 21st the indications of an impending flood have become much more decided. Heavy rain has fallen over the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas causing a rapid rise in the Ohio, and bringing that river to a gauge height of 61.4 at Cincinnati on the 29th. This stage is somewhat higher than that reached at the same point last year. The rise in the Ohio has mostly proceeded from its northern affluents, the tributaries which head in the Alleghenies and enter from the southern side being comparatively low. The upper Mississippi and Missouri are both at low or medium stages, the rather high water at St. Louis being due to the rains on the northern slope of the Ozark mountains, and consequent floods in the Osage and Gasconade. The Cumberland is at a moderate stage and rising slightly. The Tennessee is decidedly low. It is estimated that without more rain a gauge of about 49 feet will be reached at Cairo on the 4th of April.

The White River is and has been for two weeks at an extremely high stage, reaching on the 25th instant 31.7 at Jacksonport, which is very near high water, with heavy rises lately reported from the upper waters. The Arkansas is at a fairly high stage, 22.3 at Little Rock. Without more rain, both will be falling when the crest of the rise from Cincinnati reaches here. It is hoped that the gauge reading at Arkansas City will not exceed 50 feet and at Greenville 45. Last year Arkansas City reached 51.8 and Greenville 46.7. The estimates given however, will be materially modified by rainfall, and may be exceeded by an unknown amount.

I regard it as certain that the river will be high enough to give as much anxiety and to require the exercise of great and incessant vigilance. A great deal of work will have to be done in the way of topping, protection against storms, construction of dikes &c. With this condition existing, I respectfully report that the condition of the river is such as to cause reasonable apprehension in my mind, and I think it imperatively necessary that the Board take immediate steps to provide a sufficient fund to meet the exigencies of the high water campaign and request that they give me authority to organize a competent high water force.

Very Respectfully,

WM. STARLING, Chief Engineer.

It being the belief of the Board that the funds on hand are not sufficient to meet the emergency, it was ordered that certificates of indebtedness to the amount of \$75,000 be issued, at 12 months, bearing 6 per cent per annum after issuance, under an act of the Legislature of Mississippi authorizing the Board to issue such certificates, and approved February 8th, 1898. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Board was authorized to sell or by purchase said certificates and appropriate the proceeds for the purposes designated.

It was further ordered that the Chief Engineer be authorized to organize a high water force, and the Secretary and Treasurer directed to pay all bills incurred for the purpose, when certified to by the Chief Engineer and approved by the President.

It was ordered that the President be instructed to request the State Revenue Agent to make a thorough investigation of the books of the Treasurer, and report at the regular meeting in July 1898.

After allowing sundry claims the Board adjourned.

A WAR WITH SPAIN.

Means that everybody will want a metropolitan newspaper to read, in order to keep watch on the way Uncle Sam will do up the Spaniards. The best newspaper is The Weekly Commercial Appeal. It has the full Associated Press report from correspondents on the field and is the only southern paper that has sent a special correspondent to Cuba. It will be sent six months for 25 cents. For a club of twenty new subscriptions at 25 cents each they will send a solid nickel, stem-winding, stem-setting, nickel movement, jewel-balanced watch that will keep accurate time for two years or more. For a club of ten at 25 cents each, a nickel watch guaranteed for one year. One thousand club-raisers wanted to accept this offer at once. Not open long, so work quick. Address The Weekly Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn.

Daring Robbery.

The tailoring establishment of J. H. Friedrichsen, on Washington Avenue, was the scene of an unusually bold and successful robbery on Tuesday night, the thieves escaping with clothing to the amount of about \$450. The building was entered from the back door, from which a panel was skillfully cut out, and the robbers made their escape with their booty by way of the alley at the back of the premises. A suit of the stolen clothing was afterwards sold by a negro to a laborer at the Planter's Oil Mill, and from this and other clues now in the hands of the police it is believed that the thieves will be caught and the stolen property recovered.

The city has been remarkably free from sneak thieves during the winter, the Friedrichsen robbery being the first of any importance since the long series of audacious operations which culminated in the Poyens and Damazona murders.

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NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

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